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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN FRASER HEARINGS: PHILIPPINE PRESS
COVERAGE

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FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE REQUEST PARA 2 REFTEL FOR
"FULL DESCRIPTION" OF MANILA PRESS COVERAGE OF FRASER HEARINGS
AND WHETHER CRITICAL CONTENT OF WITNESSES STATEMENTS ARE
MENTIONED.

1. BULLETIN OF JUNE 19 CARRIED SMALL STORY ON INSIDE
PAGES HEADED "FORMER ENVOY APPEARS BEFORE U.S. HOUSE BODY".
STORY STATES THAT AMBASSADOR MUTUC APPEARED BEFORE HOUSE SUB-
COMMITTEE LOOKING INTO HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES. STORY
NOTES CONGRESSIONAL BODY IS HEADED BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALD
FRASER, HEARINGS STARTED JUNE 3 AND WITNESSES HEARD WERE MANGLA-
PUS, MORRIS, ALVAREZ AND FR. WILSON, O'HARE AND HICKS WHO
ADVOCATED THE TERMINATION OF U.S. AID TO THE PHILIPPINES.
BULLETIN STORY CONCLUDES THAT MUTUC CANCELLED VISIT TO
DALLAS TO APPEAR BEFORE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. TIMES JOURNAL ACCOUNT OF STORY JUNE 19 NOTED THAT
AMBASSADOR MUTUC, A "SELF-STYLED VITRIOLIC CRITIC" OF MARCOS,
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VOICED ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR MARCOS' EXPERIMENT IN CONSTITU-

TIONAL AUTHORITARIANISM. REST OF STORY IS DEVOTED TO
MUTUC'S POSITIVE STATEMENTS ON MARTIAL LAW.

3. ON JUNE 21 BULLETIN RAN FRONT-PAGE STORY HEADLINED
"U.S. CONGRESS CAUTIONED ON HALTING RP AID." THRUST OF
STORY IS THAT AMBASSADOR MUTUC CAUTIONED U.S. TO "EXERCISE
CARE AND PRUDENCE IN ACTING ON AGITATIONS BY ANTI-MARCOS
ELEMENTS TO STOP ALL AID TO THE PHILIPPINES." STORY NOTES
THAT MUTUC APPEARED AT HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING CHAIRED
BY FRASER WHO HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IN THE PHILIPPINES. MUTUC ANSWERED CLAIMS OF
FILIPINO-AMERICAN GROUP CLAIMING HUMAN RIGHTS WERE BEING
REPPRESSED BY THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION SAYING SUCH
CASES ARE ISOLATED AND SUPREME COURT WAS READY TO PROTECT
RIGHTS OF CITIZENRY AND PREVENT ABUSE OF POWER. REMAINDER
OF STORY CONTAINS EXCERPTS FROM MUTUC'S TESTIMONY. STORY
ADDS THAT "ONE TIME MANILA NEWSPAPERMAN PRIMITIVO JIJARES
AND GERALD HILL, A LAWYER FOR THE LOPEZES, ALSO TESTIFIED
ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH LIST OF ALL NAMES OF ALL WITNESSES
WHO APPEARED BEFORE COMMITTEE. WE ARE SUPPLYING FULL TEXT
OF BULLETING GUNE 21 STORY SEPTTEL.

4. ONLY OTHER MENTION OF FRASER HEARINGS WAS IN DOROY
VALENCIA'S JUNE 22 COLUMN. HE WROTE: BEGIN TEXT: THE
FORD ADMINISTRATION IS ASKING FOR \$32 MILLION AID TO THE
PHILIPPINES. FILIPINO "REBELS" IN THE USA HAVE APPEARED
BEFORE THE U.S. CONGRESS TO ASK THAT AID TO THE PHILIPPINES
BE STOPPED. THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SENT ANYBODY
TO REFUTE THE FILIPINO "REBELS." WHY SHOULD WE? THE USA
CAN HELP US IF THEY FEEL LIKE IT. IT IS IN THEIR INTEREST
TO KEEP THEIR INFLUENCE IN ASIA FELT. THE FILIPINO CIA
"REBELS" IN THE USA WANT THE AID TO BE GIVEN TO THEM--THAT
WAY, THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORK FOR A LIVING. OUT THERE IN THE
PHILIPPINES, THE AMERICAN "TRIAL" OF THE PHILIPPINES AS A
PRE-CONDITION TO AID IS NEGATING WHATEVER GOOD THAT AID CAN
DO. THIS IS AMERICAN-STYLE GIVING. THEY GIVE YOU BUT THEY
MAKE SURE YOU FEEL BAD ABOUT IT. END TEXT.
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